

THE KIWANIS WORLD SERVICE MEDAL

Is your club aware of an individual or group whose dedication to serving the needs of children is deserving of a prestigious international award? Review the following procedures and criteria governing the Kiwanis World Service Medal. Then provide the information requested on the nomination form and attach supporting materials, exhibits, and endorsements that will help to demonstrate why your nominee should be considered for the Kiwanis World Service Medal.

Since 1985, the Kiwanis World Service Medal has been awarded annually to outstanding individuals from six nations on four continents.

PROCEDURES

Candidates may be nominated by: (1) a Kiwanis club, (2) a past medal recipient, or (3) a service agency or organization with the endorsement of a Kiwanis club. Nominations are judged by the Past International Presidents Committee and approved by the Kiwanis International Board. No more than one recipient per year will be honored, and none need be chosen.

The Kiwanis World Service Medal is formally presented at the Kiwanis International Convention. Travel expenses are paid by Kiwanis International. No fixed monetary award is attached to the medal; however, each year the Kiwanis International Foundation has chosen to award a \$10,000 grant to assist the medal honoree in continuing his or her service work.

CRITERIA

- The medal may be awarded to an individual, or to an organization when no one person can be identified as primarily responsible for the service activity being honored.
- The medal is awarded for service that enhances the quality of life and future potential of young children or youth and benefits a significant number in a substantial way.
- Kiwanis is a worldwide organization and priority will be given to service activities that are international in scope.
- The recipient's involvement in service should provide an inspiring example to others.
- The service itself must be actual, not merely the espousal of a position or philosophy.
- The recipient may be involved in service as a volunteer, or may be exercising professional skills to benefit others in ways that sacrifice personal gain and exemplify outstanding dedication beyond ordinary requirements of employment or professional duty.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

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